

IDAPA 17 - INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

17.02.08 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

DOCKET NO. 17-0208-0802

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section(s) 72-508, 72-720, 72-721, 72-722, AND 72-723, Idaho Code, and Section 72-803 of the Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be held as follows:

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15, 2008 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm	TUESDAY OCTOBER 28, 2008 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm	WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29, 2008 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Best Western Coeur d'Alene Inn 506 W. Appleway Ave. Coeur d'Alene, ID	Industrial Commission 700 S. Clearwater Lane Boise, ID	Holiday Inn Express 2270 Channing Way Idaho Falls, ID

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

1. Mandated by Section 72-803, Idaho Code, requiring an adjustment each fiscal year by the amount determined by the Director of Health and Welfare in accordance with the procedure set out in Section 56-136, Idaho Code. Adjusts the conversion factors paid to medical providers by the inflation factor percentage determined by the Director of Health and Welfare for Medicaid covered services.
2. To clarify that these rules are applicable to all entities providing services to injured workers even as agents. Changes the definition of a medical "provider" to include any person or entity acting on behalf of a provider with respect to medical charges payable under this rule.
3. To provide a medical fee schedule for hospitals providing medical services to injured Idaho workers similar to that established for physicians.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year as a result of this rulemaking: There is no fiscal impact with the proposed changes.

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: In compliance with Section 67-5220, Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because it was determined that broader input would be obtained through formal rulemaking and public hearings or the changes were mandated by statute.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Patti Jarossy at (208)334-6084.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 31, 2008.

DATED this 19th day of August, 2008.